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Sports, fraternity grades improve; sororities lose ground

Matt Cook

UTM fraternities and sports teams showed improvements in Spring 2007 over Spring 2006 grade reports, recently released by the UTM Athletics Department and Office of Greek Life.

But the grade point average for sororities decreased slightly in Spring 2007 for the first time in recent years, falling from a 3.08 to a 3.05.

Overall, five of the eight sororities lost ground. Seven of the 11 fraternities saw increases, and eight of the 17 sports teams saw increas-

es over the previous year's GPA.

The top spot among fraternities went to Sigma Chi, who regained the grades title from Sigma Phi Epsilon. Sigma Chi's 3.09 GPA represented a 0.19 increase from Spring 2006. Sigma Phi Epsilon fell from the coveted first place to sixth, dropping nearly 11 percent to 2.81.

Alpha Delta Pi raised its average 0.01 from last year, and thanks to an overall trend of decreasing sorority grades that affected many of the top sororities, came in first place over previous GPA

leaders Chi Omega.

Among sororities, Delta Sigma Theta had the largest percent increase, gaining 0.27 points over last spring. Zeta Tau Alpha's decrease of 0.3 points, though small, represented the largest decrease among female organizations.

In Fall 2005 the Interfraternity Council passed a bill requiring all members of the IFC to maintain a 2.5 GPA. On the average, all IFC fraternities met the 2.5 GPA requirement.

Although the three National

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By the Numbers

Sport	GPA	Team
Tennis	3.53	Men
Tennis	3.42	Women
Volleyball	3.40	Women
Soccer	3.31	Women
Softball	3.30	Women
Cross Country	3.20	Women
Cross Country	3.12	Men
Cheerleading	3.11	Coed
Rifle	2.97	Men
Baseball	2.92	Men
Equestrian	2.92	Coed
Rifle	2.90	Women
Rodeo	2.89	Coed
Golf	2.77	Men
Basketball	2.76	Women
Football	2.61	Men
Basketball	2.27	Men

Sorority	GPA	Council
Alpha Delta Pi	3.25	PHC
Chi Omega	3.23	PHC
Alpha Omicron Pi	3.06	PHC
— All Sorority	3.05	
Gamma Kappa Pi	3.02	Ind.*
— All non Sorority Female	2.85	

Alpha Kappa Alpha	2.76	NPHC
Zeta Phi Beta	2.65	NPHC
Zeta Tau Alpha	2.60	PHC
Delta Sigma Theta	2.44	NPHC

Fraternity	GPA	Council
Sigma Chi	3.09	IFC
Alpha Gamma Rho	3.02	IFC
Alpha Tau Omega	2.84	IFC
Kappa Alpha Order	2.84	IFC
Pi Kappa Alpha	2.83	IFC
Sigma Phi Epsilon	2.81	IFC
— All Fraternity	2.80	

Male	GPA	Council
Phi Sigma Kappa	2.52	IFC
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	2.50	IFC
Phi Beta Sigma	2.29	NPHC
Omega Psi Phi	2.29	NPHC
Kappa Alpha Psi	2.03	NPHC

PHC - Panhellenic Council
IFC - Interfraternity Council
NPHC - National Panhellenic Council
Ind. - Independent (Local Sorority)

Source: UTM Athletics Department
 Office of Greek Life

Rakes' career: From hamburgers to students



Jay Baker

When UT Martin's new chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes was a college student, things were different.

And he wasn't afraid to flip burgers.

"When I went to college,

the freshmen had to wear little beanies. Women had to be in their dorms by 10 (p.m.) and you were only allowed to visit them in the visiting area," Rakes said in an interview with *The Pacer*. "Remember, too, this was a time when you

was academically strong," Rakes said. "And (being at a small school) you get visibility you wouldn't have gotten elsewhere."

UTM's chancellor went to the school to play basketball. He was a forward

New chancellor discusses college life in his day; outlines ideas for UTM improvement

had typewriters, no copy machines."

Rakes worked at his college's student union, usually making hamburgers.

Rakes, who went on to earn a master's degree in reading and a doctorate in education, began his academic career at Milligan College, a small Christian liberal arts college near Elizabethton in Northeast Tennessee.

"I was fortunate that I ended up at a school that was academically strong," Rakes said. "And (being at a small school) you get visibility you wouldn't have gotten elsewhere."

UTM's chancellor went to the school to play basketball. He was a forward

guard.

There were no fraternities or sororities at Milligan, but Rakes said he would not have had time for them anyway. The days at Milligan were very structured, and there was always studying to do. Outside of school work, Rakes spent the rest of his time with fellow athletes and Psi Chi, a national honor society for psychology.

The dorms at Milligan were similar to the traditional ones at UTM, with rooms sharing a bathroom.

"I didn't mind living in the dorms," Rakes said. "I still remember my roommate. He's from North Carolina and I still see him now and then."

Rakes was a college student during the controversial Vietnam War and recalls how it divided the country, even from insular Elizabethton.

"I wasn't involved in the protests, it just split the country apart. There weren't really any protests at our school either. The interest was there, but at a church-related school you discuss it more. ... We weren't discouraged from doing it but the folks there

didn't really have any interest in marching about it."

For music, Rakes listened to "stuff from the late 60s and 70s" like The Beatles and some Mo-Town groups.

"I still listen to it on my iPod in the car and at home," he said. "Of course, in those days it was 8-tracks, cassettes and 45s."

The hamburger flipper turned academic head honcho's hobbies include playing guitar, taking digital photographs and reading. His favorite books are mostly biographies on historical figures like Abraham Lincoln, Winston Churchill and Colin Powell.

Rakes said he's excited about his new job as chancellor, which he formally started this summer. He sees international experience _ from a small university amid open fields _ as one of the largest areas of growth.

"Maybe around 11 or 12 percent of students have an international experience. ... That's something I want to change. We want to move that as high as 25 percent in the next five years," he said.

UTM students arrested on counterfeiting charges

Will York

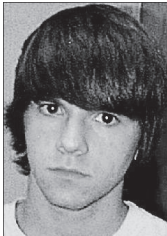
Two UT Martin freshmen found a creative but illegal way of making money that got them suspended from their first semester at college.

Matthew Dunaway and Elliott Kiegelis, both 18, were arrested last week on counterfeiting and theft charges after they tried to pass off a homemade \$20 bill, police said.

University spokesman Bud Grimes told *The Pacer* that the two students from Paris, Tenn., have been suspended for the rest of the fall semester by the Division of Student Affairs.



Kiegelis



Dunaway

"They cannot continue school this semester," Grimes said.

Records for university disciplinary actions are sealed, but Grimes said the students can appeal the decision.

Calls on Monday to their Cooper Hall dorm room were not immediately returned, and Kiegelis

declined to comment when *The Pacer* called his cell phone.

"It's something I was told not to talk about," Kiegelis said.

Dunaway and Kiegelis tried to pass off the fake money Monday afternoon at a McDonald's restaurant, Rob Kenworth, the restaurant's operator said.

"The girl at the counter said it looked suspicious," Kenworth said. "We pulled the two guys up on the security system and called the police. The bill just looked real phony to her."

Restaurant employees described the students' Dodge Dakota truck with

UTM parking sticker to police, and police later found the vehicle on the UTM campus.

Kenworth said the cashier determined the bill was phony by checking it with a counterfeit-detecting pen while the pair ate their meal.

Lt. Randal Walker said Dunaway, a graphic design major, made the money with his dorm room computer and printed them with a laser printer. Police found about \$500 in fake money strewn around the room.

The pair admitted to passing off their bills at other Martin fast food restau-

rants, a convenience store and a Wal-Mart, Walker said.

"They did a real good job," Walker said. "But they all had the same serial number on them."

Police found counterfeit bills in Kiegelis' wallet, Walker said.

Kiegelis lists his major as computer science on his online Facebook profile.

The pair told police they first got the idea to make fake money over the Labor Day holiday.

UTM Chancellor Tom Rakes has not commented on the arrests.

Sorority sister flung from truck, suffers concussion

Will York

A sorority member was injured Monday afternoon after she fell from the back of a pickup truck during an annual event, sorority officials said.

Julie Vantrease, a senior member of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, was treated for a concussion at Volunteer Community Hospital in Martin after the accident during a bid day event, chapter relations chair Whitney Ward told *The Pacer*.

Ward said Vantrease was injured after she fell from the back of the pickup truck in front of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity house on University Street.

AGR fraternity members were spraying water at the sorority members _ an annual tradition on "bid day," when new members are brought into sororities _ when Vantrease fell from the truck, Ward said.

"We had just gotten our new girls," Ward said. "This is an annual thing for us. We drive past the fraternity house and honk. They usually spray us with water."

Ward said Vantrease stood up because she was being sprayed with water when the driver, another sorority member, sped up.

"She is going to be absolutely fine," Ward said. "It was just a freak accident."

Hospital spokeswoman Megan Olinger said Vantrease was being treated in the emergency room Monday night but did not release her condition.

Ward said the sorority has performed the bid day tradition for about 30 years.

Calls on Monday to the UTM Office of Greek Life and the Brentwood, Tenn.-based sorority's national headquarters were not immediately returned.

Martin Police Department officials are investigating the accident, but an official report will not be ready until Tuesday, Officer Phillip Fuqua said.

"She has a lump on the back of her head and I won't know any further details until the accident report," Fuqua said.

Fraternity members offered to give rides home to sorority members who were visibly upset by the accident.

There were still girls riding in the beds of trucks after the accident.

Tim Storey, an Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity member, said Vantrease "just fell out of the truck and bumped her head."

Pacer writer Sara M. McIntosh contributed to this report.

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Tomorrow, 20 percent chance of rain, high of 79. Thursday, sunny with a high of 82.

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Today is the six year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.



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Our View

Editorial:
Use your powers for good, not evil

As reported this week by many local newspapers including *The Pacer*, two UTM students were arrested last week on counterfeiting charges by Martin Police.

This brings up an interesting question: Do you intend to use your degree from UTM for the greater good of humanity, or are you simply getting a degree to get by in life?

The students in question in the counterfeiting case could easily be labeled as “up to no good” or “out to get rich quick,” but one of the students was a graphics design major who could have used skills for something other than the alleged counterfeiting.

Graphic design students could find any number of jobs other than counterfeiting money. Work for a non-profit organization. Work for a school or church. Design for *The Pacer* if you want. Just don’t try to rip off the federal bank note.

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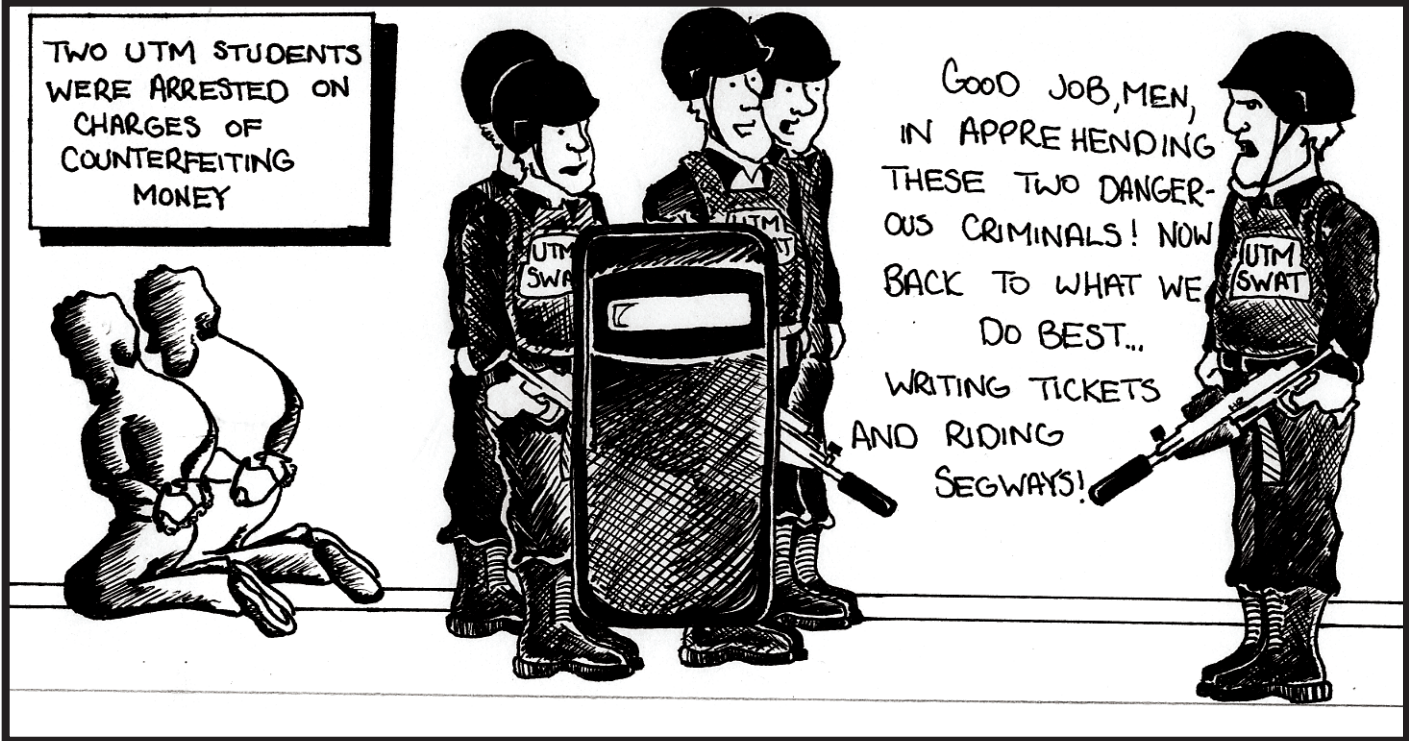
That’s one of the few ways going to college can hurt your future plans.

Graphic design students certainly are not the only ones with the potential for good or bad. We as journalism students can report stories that matter or sit back and let situations that

are important go unnoticed.

Finance students can help those who have a difficult time balancing their money and not just worry about a corporate bottom line. The list goes on and extends to every major on campus.

Students don’t have to wait until they graduate to start helping. There are plenty of opportunities around the campus and community. UTM is sometimes considered a suitcase college not only because students frequently go home on the weekends but also because so many students refuse to get involved with the local community.



Ignoring similarities among people shuts the door to great possibilities

So here we are again, back at school and in the proverbial swing of things, huh? It would be nice if we could have both the benefits of summer and its freedom and the learning process of college at the same time; don’t you agree? Aside from the heat, I have to say that I enjoyed my summer. In June, I went to Metropolis, Ill. for the seventh (I believe it was the seventh!) annual Superman Celebration. It made for a fantastic beginning to my summer!

For those that are unfamiliar with the mythos of Superman, he works as a mild-mannered reporter at the Daily Planet, a fictional newspaper that is centralized in Metropolis. Now, if you’ve ever been to Metropolis in Illinois, you’ll know that this is not the town for which the comics’ version of the city is modeled but they do celebrate the big “S” as if it were. Just on the other side of the court house in Metropolis stands a VERY large statue of Superman, hands on his hips and looking oh so super, indeed! Metropolis is home to the Superman Museum and one of the largest collections of Superman memorabilia that I’ve ever seen. They even have actual props and costumes from some of the Superman movies, television shows and the film, Supergirl. In their town hall, they have framed artwork of various characters



Christian Ashlar
Staff Columnist

from the television show *Smallville* and still more pictures of Superman done by visiting artists and local artists, as well.

During this celebration, I wandered the main street and was pleased to see many people dressed in costumes ranging from Superman to Supergirl, to Batman and even some Green Lanterns. There were several costume contests, Superman Trivia games, and the town’s “First Lady,” Noel Neill, was there to sign autographs and meet with her fans. For those not in the Superman “know” – she was the original (and first) Lois Lane on the old Superman television serials. Helen (Supergirl) Slater was also there signing autographs and meeting with fans. All in all, it was a spectacular day and a great start to my summer.

Now, you may be asking yourself what does this have to do with a college opinions article? That is why you’ve continued to read so I’ll enlighten you. There are things that divide us, as people and things that unite us. During this two-day celebration a single thing united what had to be two hundred or more people and for that two days, all of these people

seemed to have put aside whatever differences they might have otherwise had with one another and came together in the spirit of an ideal personified in a comic book character. You see, I decided on the second day to put on my “reporter” hat and ask some questions of some of the attendees of this event.

The one question I asked to roughly sixty people was “why do you think Superman has endured for as long as he has” and the answer was almost universal. Most said that he embodied a sense of what it was to be human – “pursuing truth, equality and fairness and the means for happiness” (a direct quote from a 17-year-old dressed as Superboy). I was truly astounded that this many people felt the same way about an icon that’s been with us for over fifty years. The people I asked this question to ranged in age from 7 to 73 and the answer was almost the same. I thought that was pretty incredible.

There was a moment when I stood in the center of all the booths, ICEE stands, Supermen, Supergirls, Green Lanterns, Batmen, Catwomen, Flashes and other random super-heroes and turned where I was to look back at that VERY tall statue and thought that it seemed to be looking out over all us super-fans and giving us a silent “thanks” for being there. Okay, so

the cheesiness of that last statement aside, I did think that it was an interesting happening that all of these people from so many different places and so many different walks of life could find such a unifying ideal and spend so much time out in the blazing heat to celebrate that thing, together. What this proved to me was that if we look for them, there are so many things that can bring us together as human beings. Whether its comic books, movies, books, or even philosophies, we can find things to unify us and not always separate us.

As we start this new semester, I would encourage all of you to take a few seconds every day to really look at the people who pass you in the hallway. Notice if they have a specific symbol on their backpacks, or if they wear a specific musical band on their t-shirts and use this to strike up a conversation about these things. See if this random person is someone you might share something with. I’m not saying you’ll be BFFs with this person but I am saying that if you take the chance, you might find someone to make your semester a little brighter. Who knows, you might be standing in the same spot I was on the Main Street of Metropolis staring up at the same VERY large statue I was looking at and sharing that same cheesy moment with your new best pal!

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SGA holds first meeting, condemns defacing fliers

Chambers
to sit on
VCSA search
committee

Emily Payne
Pacer Writer

The Student Government Association took measures to try to prevent the destruction of student organization property last week during their first meeting of the semester.

The nonbinding resolution discourages students from defacing or tearing down posters and fliers advertising student organizations.

The resolution was introduced by Sen. Eric Lipford, Campus Observation Committee chairman, after organizations complained to SGA earlier this semester.

“SGA is interested in protecting the rights of all students and organizations,” Lipford said.

Woman who sued UT now its assistant chancellor

Wendy Elliott
Pacer Writer

For most people, landing a new job based on one's past accomplishments won't make national and local headlines the next day.

However, if the person in question is Rita Geier and the past accomplishments in question include being a civil rights pioneer and winning a landmark law suit, you can count on those headlines being made.

Geier was recently been named associate to UT Knoxville Chancellor Loren Crabtree, which comes paired with the news that she will become a senior fellow for the Howard Baker Center for Public Policy at the University of Tennessee.

The announcement comes almost exactly 40 years after Geier, then a young instructor at Tennessee State University, sued on the premise that developmental plans for UT to build a sister campus in Nashville might lead to future financial negligence of the historically black Tennessee State.

Alongside her attorney Robert Barrett, Geier in 1968 challenged that the creation of such a campus would mean the new institution would be comprised of predominantly white students, which would not work in favor of diversifying Tennessee's college student demographic.

Sixteen years after Geier's landmark lawsuit was filed, an agreement was reached in that the state would fund public universities with millions of dollars in student aid, which played well to those such as Geier who were committed to the idea of a more diverse statewide collegiate system.

The resolution affirmed that all student organizations registered with the office of Student Life are a crucial and integral part of UTM and that SGA urges all students to “show respect and a mature level of consideration to all student organizations.”

SGA President Erin Chambers said she will sit on the university search committee to fill the vacant position of vice chancellor of Student Affairs, which is being held on an interim basis by Steve Vantrease.

“Working more closely with the selection of the new vice chancellor of Student Affairs will enable me to keep the students informed,” Chambers said. “This is very important to me.”

President Chambers also announced she and Vice President Grayson Uldridge will represent the university at the annual networking conference held in Knoxville last weekend. Student government leaders from across the state met with UT President John Petersen. September 7-9. The attendees include Presidents and

“SGA is interested in protecting the rights of all students and organizations.”

- Eric Lipford
SGA Senator

Vice Presidents from all the UT branches along with Dr. Peterson, UT President. While there Chambers and Uldridge will attend many conferences and meetings to review ideas.

“Attending this event is a great way to begin the year,” Chambers said. “We hope to bring many new fresh ideas to the table and exchange ideas with other UT campuses. We also hope to continue working with the other UT branches and in doing so we can improve UT Martin and make it better for the students.”

Whitney Maxey, food services committee chair,

Resolutions:

- Defacement of Property
- Nonbinding resolution discouraging students from defacing fliers
- Introduced by: Eric Lipford
- Passed Unanimously

Announcements:

- President Erin Chambers will sit on the VCSA search committee

announced her plans to improve the food served on campus through Sodexho and hopefully expand the food court in the coming years.

“With the help of the student body, my committee hopes to improve upon the food choices in the cafeteria

along with introduce new ideas for a wider variety of options. Every five years the university renews Sodexho's contract, we want to answer the question of if we should consider searching for a new food supplier or continue working with Sodexho.”

Multicultural committee chair, Rebecca Weaver, announced diversity week will be held November 5-9 this year. The committee is in the midst of planning the events of the week and will have a detailed schedule at the next meeting.

UTM professor says growth in China is mostly myth

Charlie McIntosh
Pacer Writer

The idea that China's economy is burgeoning and playing a rapidly increasing role in globalization is a myth, a UTM professor says.

UTM French professor Dr. Robert Peckham hopes to publish a series of essays soon about what he calls the mythology associated with the globalization of the Chinese economy.

Peckham said Americans are getting the wrong idea about the Chinese economy and its influence on the United States.

“What is it that is making the Chinese myth? Pandas? The upcoming Olympics in Beijing? What do they have to do with what we think makes China so important,” Peckham said. “There is so much glitz with the Chinese because we economize.”

Peckham said China's

increases in consumption and demand for global resources have been exaggerated. Other scholars and economists have regarded China as an emerging economic powerhouse driven by heavy industry and raw materials consumption.

“Our consumerism is leveling off despite the fact that our incomes are going up a bit, and we're looking for consumerism in other parts of the world,” Peckham said. “China has become a ‘magic bullet’ and I don't understand why so many people believe in that myth.”

Peckham stands with other writers and professors - including George Gilboy and Paul Krugman - who say the world is overestimating China's economic growth. They say China is an investment bubble waiting to burst because of bad quality control and environmental problems.

“China has become a ‘magic bullet’ and I don’t understand why so many people believe in that myth.”

- Robert Peckham
Professor

Peckham said as a result of that misconception, schools and universities with nationally renowned French programs, such as in the community of South Lyon, Mich., are phasing out French programs in favor of teaching Mandarin Chinese.

College contraception prices across nation go up

UTM prices unaffected

Ashley Totty
Pacer Writer

There's no doubt college costs are going up, from tuition to books to housing, and now, contraception.

Until 2006, college campus clinics got a cost cut on female contraceptives, which usually ended up passing the savings on to students.

But the Deficit Reduction Act passed by Congress and signed by President Bush in 2006 put an end to the government subsidy for contraception, forcing universities to stockpile the drugs or raise their prices.

Stockpiles at most universities are running out, making students pay more to avoid pregnancy, but UT Martin doesn't have that problem.

That's because the university never dispersed birth control pills, said Shannon Deal, director of Student Health. UTM's clinic instead writes prescriptions for The Pill.

Donna Reynolds, Weakley County Heath Department's

nurse supervisor, said many students go to the department for birth control. They give out oral contraceptives based on financial need, she said.

Reynolds said birth control prices have not increased at the county clinic.

Almost 40 percent of female undergraduates use oral contraception, according to a 2006 survey conducted by the American College Health Association.

Rachael Tate, a UTM senior, said she has her doctor at home write a prescription for contraception. Her insurance doesn't cover generic brands, so in the last year she's seen a \$5 increase on top of her \$36 a month prescription, a cost increase unrelated to the new federal regulations.

Other universities' campus clinics have realized a significant jump in costs.

The NuvaRing contraceptive made by Schering-Plough jumped from \$12 to \$50 at the University of Texas in Austin. Johnson & Johnson's low-estrogen Ortho Tri-Cyclen Lo jumped from \$16 to \$52 at the University of Iowa in Iowa City's campus clinic.

Education Department raises test score, grade standards in reponse to feds

Ashley Totty
Pacer Writer

Becoming a teacher has gotten harder after the Department of Educational Studies raised their admissions requirements.

Change in departmental leadership is behind the beefed-up requirements.

Interim chair Dr. Mary Lee Hall, dean of the College of Education and Behavior Sciences, spearheaded implementing the changes, which were approved by the university's curriculum committee.

Students wanting to be admitted to the teaching

“No one currently in the program will have to drop due to the changing standards...”

- Patricia Hewitt
Department of Education Studies

program now must have an ACT score of at least 22 and have a grade point average

of 2.75, up from the former 2.5 GPA requirement.

Candidates now must also go through an interview.

Future teachers previously were put on probation if they didn't make their grades, but that's no longer the case.

Dr. Patricia Hewitt, a member of the Department of Educational Studies Curriculum Committee said, “No one currently in the program will have to drop due to the changing standards as long as they stay in the old catalog.”

Hewitt said the increased standards are at least partially a result of new stan-

dards for teachers specified by the federal No Child Left Behind law.

Hewitt said she doesn't expect these new standards to decrease the number of students coming into the program.

“There may be a small decrease in the beginning, but typically our students have above a 3.0,” Hewitt said.

Hewitt did not rule out additional changes in the department's admission standards.

“We will just go there (in the coming years) and see what happens,” Hewitt said.

New Education Department Standards

ACT: 22 or higher

GPA: 2.75

Old Standards:

ACT: 22 or higher

GPA: 2.50

Students get credit card debt, fail at life

Lindsey Matheny
Pacer Writer

College students _ both fresh from high school and more seasoned sixth year seniors _ often bite too quickly at alluring free credit, a recently released study shows.

Young adults 18 to 24 years old spend nearly 30 percent of their monthly income just on repaying debt, and 45 percent of college students are in credit card debt, according to the nonprofit Young Americans Center for Financial Education.

A study released last week by Nellie Mae, which provides education financing for college students, found more than 90 percent of graduate students had at least one credit card last academic year. Their average credit card balance was \$8,612, a 10 percent jump over the previous study done in 2003, when the average balance was \$7,831.

Only 20 percent pay off their cards in full, which means students' balances grow every month, the study found. Nearly a third of students swiped their plastic to pay for tuition, while 94 percent used their credit cards to pay for school-related purchases like textbooks.

Ironically, business students had the highest debt, followed by law students, the study found.

"Although credit cards offer the advantage of convenience, they are also the quickest and easiest way to get into financial trouble if

not used carefully," said UT Martin finance professor Dr. Nell Gullett. "An administrator from the University of Indiana said that his school lost more students to credit card debt than to academic failure. They have to leave school and go to work to pay off the debt."

Financial analysts and advisers recommend several tips for students to avoid falling into tempting debt:

_ Credit card offers often conveniently gloss over the fine print. As tedious and straining as it is on weary college students' eyes, it's worth it.

_ Watch out for annual fees, late fees and over-the-limit fees before applying. Be sure to read the statement when it comes in for inaccuracies.

_ Pay credit cards on time. Eliminating past debt may be trickier, but advisers recommend paying off credit cards so credit doesn't get hurt.

Debt consolidation services are a way to pay off your credit card debt without damaging your credit. These services help to organize debt and set up payment programs to pay off debt in installments. Many credit card companies offer repayment programs that include flexible scheduling for paying off debt.

Debt consolidation is another method used in paying off debts, which combines different debts like college loans, credit card debt and a car payment into a single monthly payment.

Ripley, believe it or not, is now satellite campus

Staff Reports

Community residents and elected officials joined leadership from the University of Tennessee to officially open the new UT Martin Ripley Center last week. The ceremony was held in the newly renovated facility that culminated several years of collaborative planning and work.

"It is a locally based initiative through UT Martin, but it is all part of a much greater university picture," said Chancellor Dr. Thomas Rakes.

"Your children, neighbors, friends and maybe even some of you may want to take part in the collegiate experience through UT Martin. You'll be participat-

ing with a top-tier master's Southern institution, one of the best in the Southeast, that's right here at home. That makes a real difference," said Rakes.

Former chancellor Nick Dunagan was commended by Rakes for his guidance of the Ripley center project that was approved last fall. Rakes pointed to community businesses, donors and partners he said were critical to the center's governance and continued success.

He praised the center's higher education committee as a hallmark of the overall community involvement, from providing input during planning and construction of the facility to raising funds for scholarships so

that high school students can take dual-credit classes. Students can earn as many as 15 hours of college credit while they are completing a high school diploma.

"The primary service area is right around us," Rakes added. "It includes not only Lauderdale, but Dyer, Tipton, Haywood and Crockett counties. There will be some students from other areas, as well, so this really is a regional effort."

"I hope it will be a beacon. You can get a four-year degree right here in this building. That's unbelievable. It's going to make us a better community and make our children better citizens," said Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, of Ripley.

"We're proud to be in your community and join in the celebration," said Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president.

"One of the most significant things that our Martin campus does is that the outreach sites . . . are the most extensive spread of any university that we have within the UT system," said Petersen.

Those attending were invited to tour the wireless facility, a former Wal-Mart building, which includes eight master classrooms, a technology transfer facility, science laboratory, library resource center, bookstore, conference room, administrative offices and other amenities.

Outdoor Jamboree to attract youths to UTM

University Relations

The tenth annual West Tennessee Youth Outdoor Jamboree is expected to attract 2,500 youths and their parents to the University of Tennessee at Martin on Sept. 15. This event was founded in 1996 by Kenton area outdoorsman, Rob Somerville, and others, to expose area youths to outdoor activities.

Activities include speakers on hunt-

ing and fishing subjects, demonstrations, B.A.S.S.-sanctioned kids-casting contest, displays, taxidermy, live animals, music and door prizes from local national sponsors for youths 16 and younger.

This year's event, with registration from 7-8 a.m., will be staged at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex to accommodate the growing attendance. More than 100 vendors will be selling outdoor goods.

There is no admission fee. Youths, ages 12 and younger, must be accompanied by an adult. Calling contests, an archery and clay target range, food and fellowship, speakers and other activities will complete the day of family fun.

For more information, contact Dr. Carroll Slack, at 731-514-1937, or the West Tennessee Outdoors Magazine office of Rob Somerville, at 731-446-8052 or twowww@ocol.net.

UTM golf cart involved in traffic accident

Staff Reports

A UTM golf cart was involved in a traffic accident Monday morning.

Kristina Springer was driving the cart over the cross walk in front of the field house when a red Pontiac Sunfire, driven by Kevin Frazier, collided with the cart, police said.

Frazier told police that a gray truck passed through the crosswalk before him and as he began to drive through it the golf cart

pulled out in front of him.

Springer told police that after being hit, she was pushed down the street by Frazier's car.

Frazier was cited for failure to yield.

Weakley County EMS arrived and began treating Springer, who later asked to be transported to Student Health where she received further treatment. Springer told police that her only injury was a sprained finger.

Geier: continued from page 3

"UT's goal, through 'Ready for the World' and the diversity plan, is to prepare globally aware students who are equipped to succeed in the 21st century," Geier said in the release. "As Tennesseans, as Americans and as citizens of the world, it is in our national self-interest to become a cohesive and inclusive society. As recent Supreme Court decisions have shown, laws and court rulings may define the per-

missible means to achieve equality, but we must build a foundation for social justice based on knowledge and understanding."

Barrett said he thinks Geier's new "opportunity to make an impact is great for her."

Ironically, her journey has come full-circle as she transitions into working for the same state she dared to challenge with a lawsuit some 40 years ago.

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Correction:

In a quote box on in the Sept. 4 edition, *The Pacer* incorrectly attributed a quote to Laura Foltz. The quote about supplemental instruction funding should have been attributed to Roxanne Crider. *The Pacer* regrets the error.

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Grades: continued from cover

Panhellenic Council fraternities remained below the 2.5 average mark, all three made progress and raised their averages over the 2006 figures.

Louis Ragsdale, coordinator of Greek Life, said he was happy with the grades overall. "First of all, there was a big improvement over Fall 2006 grades and several organizations were over the non-Greek average

for their gender."

Among sports teams, men's cross country dropped a total of six places from first to seventh, as the team sported a 3.12 GPA – a 13.57 percent decrease over the previous year's 3.61 average that led all sports teams and greek organizations.

Both men's and women's tennis gained significant ground in the classroom,

vaulting them from the second and ninth places, respectively, to first and second.

Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance Bill Kahler pointed out that in addition to increases from nearly half of the sports teams, 127 athletes were on the dean's list in their respective colleges and 18 athletes have maintained 4.0 GPAs on top of their sports activities.

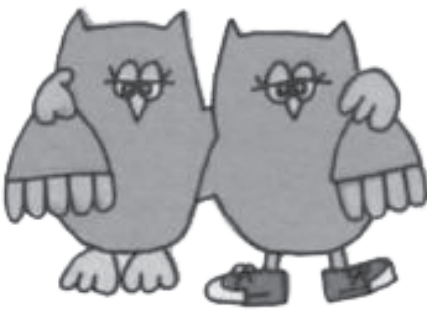


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09/03/2007 at 1:27 p.m.
Martin Place – Report of a disturbance and officers responded and referred subject to Student Affairs.

09/04/2007 at 3:33 a.m.
Cooper Hall – Assisting MPD with an investigation. (Investigation Continues)

09/04/2007 at 3:59 p.m.
Quadrangle – Report of a subject that had fallen. An officer responded and the subject was transported to the hospital.

09/04/2007 at 11:00 p.m.
Browning – Report of a subject that had fallen and officers responded and subject refused treatment and transport.

09/05/2007 at 8:08 a.m.
University St. – Mr. Judd L. Bond was issued a citation for registration violation. (City Court)

09/05/2007 at 10:08 a.m.
University St – Mr. Cody H. Agee was issued citations for registration violation and no insurance. (General Sessions)

09/06/2007 at 02:07 a.m.
Ellington – Mr. Jason D. Maness and Mr. Joseph W. Locastro were charged with violation of drinking age law and public intoxication. Mr. Andrew R. Mader and Ms. Michelle R. Armbruster were referred to Student Affairs to be placed on the alcohol first offenders list. (General Sessions)

09/06/2007 at 1:32 a.m.
Martin Place – Mr. Jared W. Burdette was issued a citation for violation of drinking age law. (General Sessions)

09/06/2007 at 12:38 a.m.
Lee St. – Mr. Jake C. Brewer, Mr. Lucas S. Risner, and Ms. Jennifer M. Allen were issued citations for violation of drinking age law. (General Sessions)

09/06/2007 at 5:12 p.m.
Fine Arts – Report of a subject that had fallen and an officer responded and transported subject to the hospital for treatment.

09/07/2007 at 12:50 a.m.
University Village – Mr. Andrew G. Whitfield was charged with public intoxication and violation of drinking age law. (General Sessions)

09/07/2007 at 9:57 a.m.
Lot 7 – Subject reported damage to their vehicle. (Investigations Continues)

09/07/2007 at 12:40 p.m.
Lot 1 – Subject reported theft of personal property. (Investigation Continues)

09/08/2007 at 1:19 a.m.
Lot 13 – Mr. William K. Sanders was referred to Student Affairs to be placed on the Alcohol first offenders list.

09/09/2007 at 1:40 a.m.
Ellington – Report of a subject that had fallen and officers and emergency personnel responded and subject was treated on the scene.

09/09/2007 at 3:09 a.m.
Ellington – Mr. Morgan J. Morrow was charged with public intoxication. (General Sessions)

Campus Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer's "Campus Bulletin Board" section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

Pacer Meetings

Want to write for the student newspaper? *Pacer* meetings are every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. in Gooch 309. Come sign up for a story so that you can see your byline in next week's issue of the student newspaper.

UTM Recycling Group

A new student group is forming to help promote recycling and environmental issues on the campus of UTM. The group is meeting every Wednesday at 12:15 in the back room of the UC (room 125). For more information, send an e-mail to [utm.recycling@gmail.com](mailto:recycling@gmail.com).

Reformed University Fellowship

Reformed University Fellowship will be having Bible study, Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in University Center room 111.

American Association of University Women

Interest Meeting for the American Association of University Women will be held, Thursday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. in room 206A of the UC. This meeting is for a new organization dedicated to helping women through education, advocacy and mentoring. Women and men interested in women's issues are welcome to attend. Contact Theresa Kimmy at thelkimm@utm.edu for more information.

Sigma Tau Delta Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 4-5 p.m. in English department lounge. Focus of this meeting is Valentine's fundraiser (please bring your love quote), t-shirts, and spelling bee.

Brown Bag Lunch

English Society is hosting a

brown bag lunch on Thursday, Feb. 1, 12:15-1:15 p.m. in the English Department lounge. Open to anyone interested in English. Enjoy good conversation with English majors and professors. This will also serve as an informal meeting for English Society. Bring your own lunch.

BSA & NAACP Meetings

Meetings will be held every other Wednesday in the UC Legislative Chambers Rm 111 at 7:00 p.m. starting Sept. 19. The next one will be on Oct. 3 at 7:00 pm.

Math Club

The Math club will meet at 9 p.m. on February 5 in HU 414.

Campus Crossfire

Topic will be on Extremism. Wednesday, Sept. 12, 7:00 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium.

Vanguard Theatre Auditions

Vanguard Theatre will be holding auditions for the play "Little Shop of Horrors" Sept. 10-11 at 7:30 p.m. in Harriet Fulton Theatre.

President's Roundtable

The President's Roundtable Meeting for Student Organization Leaders on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Life Center.

Senior Art Exhibition

Adam McCammon and Mary Margaret Boyd will host their senior art exhibitions in the Fine Arts Gallery, which will run thru Sept. 23. An opening reception will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 5-7 p.m.

UTM Habitat for Humanities

UTM Habitat for Humanity will

hold its first meeting of the semester on Thursday, Sept. 13 at 9 p.m. in UC 229. Will discuss the mission of HFH and local building opportunities. If you're interested but can't attend, please contact Prof. John Schommer at jschomme@utm.edu for more information.

Student Tennessee Education Association (Student TEA)

Monthly meeting on September 11, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. in the LRC in Gooch Hall. They encourage Freshman and Sophomore Education members and nonmembers to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

Romancing the Bean

by Karen Langdon



Legend has it that around A.D. 800 Kaldi the Ethiopian goatherd noticed his goats acting a bit strangely. They went from one coffee bush to another, grazing on the bright red berries. Kaldi decided to try some himself and was delighted by the effects.

Seeing Kaldi's curious actions, a monk picked some berries and took them back to his brothers. That night they found themselves sharply alert to divine inspiration.

The first roasted coffee beans were brewed in Arabia in 1000, and by the 13th century Muslims drank coffee religiously. The Arabians made exported beans infertile by boiling or parching. No coffee trees could be found outside of Arabia or Africa until the 1600's, when the pilgrim Baba Budan smuggled fertile coffee beans out of Mecca.

In 1616, the Dutch brought the first coffee plant to Europe, and had founded the first European-owned coffee estate by 1696 on colonial Java. Amsterdam soon began giving coffee trees to European aristocrats as enviable gifts.

Louis XIV recieved his coffee tree in 1714 as the newest addition to Paris's Royal Botanical Garden. Not long afterwards a young naval officer by the name of Gabriel Mathieu de Clieu paid him a visit. De Clieu requested coffee tree clippings to take back to Martinique, a French colony in the Carribean which he envisioned as a French Java.

Louis denied his request, so one night de Clieu simply vaulted over the wall of the Royal Botanical Garden and made off with a sprout. With that, he set sail for Martinique. Along the way the ship narrowly escaped capture by pirates, almost sunk in a storm and the coffee sprout was very nearly stolen. De Clieu guarded his seedling fiercely, even giving it half his ration of water. After the coffee tree was finally planted in Martinique, it yielded an extended family of about 18 million trees over the course of 50 years.

In 1727, Brazil's government decided to get their cut of the coffee market. They sent Lt. Col. Francisco de Melo Palheta, a veritable "James Bond of Beans", to French Guinea under the pretense of mediating a border dispute. His real mission? To smuggle seeds out of the country. Palheta decided to avoid the heavily guarded coffee farms and instead become quite friendly with the governor's wife. At the farewell dinner she gave him a bouquet spiked with seedlings.

Armed with these sprouts, Brazil stepped into the shoes of the coffee giant that it is today. Thanks to their enormous harvests, a drink that was once only a luxury of the elite is now a pleasure that everyone can indulge in.

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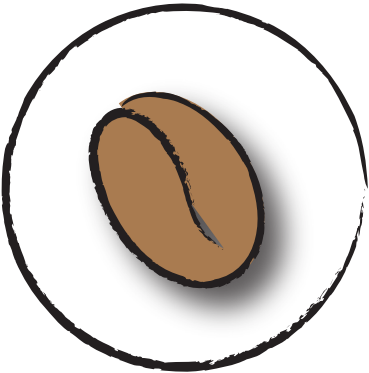
The Life of a Coffee Bean

A coffee bean begins its life inside a red coffee cherry. Each coffee tree can only produce about a pound of roasted beans per year, and that's even after a five year wait for the first harvestable crop.

To prepare the freshly harvested coffee beans for roasting, growers process them using either a natural method in which the cherries dry on the tree or a washed method in which the beans are taken out of the cherries and submerged in water.

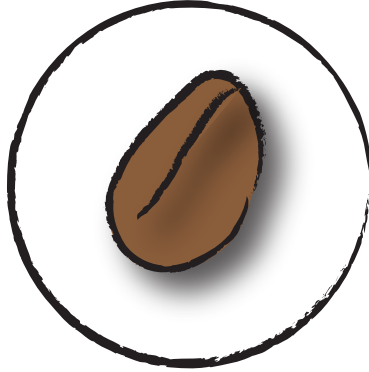
Then comes the most important part of the process. The coffee beans are heated in a rotating drum, and the roasting begins.

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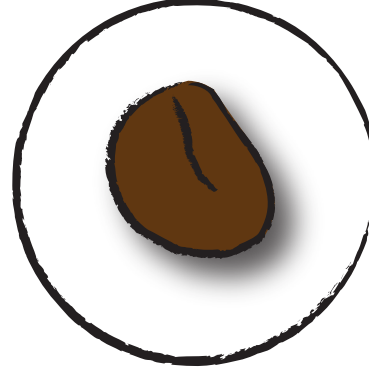
Light (cinnamon, half city, New England)

After about 7 minutes of roasting the beans pop and double in size. The surface of the beans is dry and the flavor is light and somewhat sour; more complex coffee flavors haven't developed yet. This is the typical American mass-market roast.



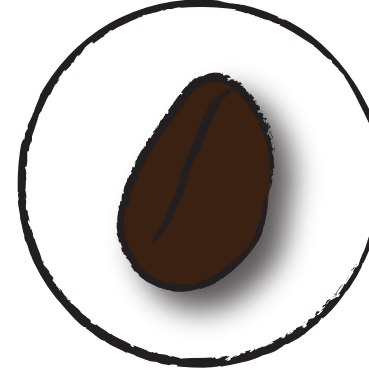
Medium (full city, American, regular, breakfast, brown)

At about 10 minutes the beans reach an even brown color. This is sweeter than the light roast, and the flavor potential has begun to develop. This roast is preferred by U.S. specialty sellers.



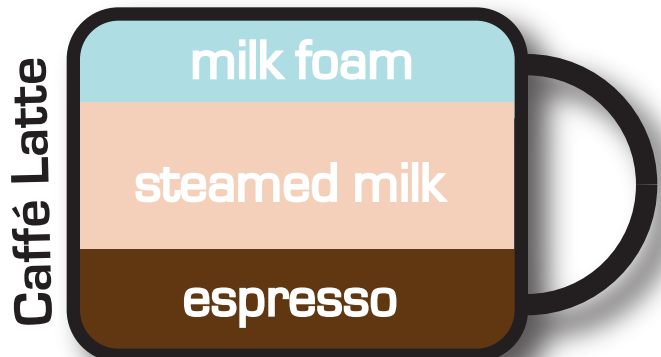
Dark (high, Viennese, French, continental)

After 12-13 minutes the beans pop again and oils begin to rise to the surface. This roast is slightly shiny and tastes somewhat spicy and chocolately. It is generally used by roasters in the U.S. Northwest.



Darkest (Italian, espresso)

At 14 minutes or so the beans begin to smoke and the carmelized sugars start to carbonize. The surface is quite oily and the beans taste smokey, more of roasting than of the inherent flavor.



Rose Royce plays fan favorites at Soybean Festival

T'Challa Pollard
Staff Writer

Rose Royce, a legendary 1970s R&B group, performed a set that included the band's hit songs "I Wanna Get Next to You," "I'm Wishing On a Star," and their biggest hit, "Car Wash," last Friday at the Soybean Festival.

The audience was filled with concert-goers from a wide range of age groups, from little children to senior citizens. Most of the adults were there because they remembered the group from the music they lis-

tened to as young adults and teenagers.

There were also quite a few college students wanting to hear the original songs that were sampled by their favorite artists of today.

"The show was exciting. I wanted to hear them sing "Wishing On a Star;" it's one of my favorite remakes from Beyonce, but it was better live by the originals," said UTM senior Ebony Holmes.

The group consists of Rose Norwalt as lead vocalist, drummer Henry Garner, conga drummer Terral "Terry" Santiel, bassist Lequeint "Duke" Jobe, saxophonist Michael Moore, Kenny Copeland on trum-

"I called my mom and put her on speaker phone; she couldn't believe that I was at a Rose Royce concert."

- Ebony Holmes
UTM student

pet and lead vocals, guitarist and vocalist Kenji Brown, Freddie Dunn on trumpet, and keyboardist Michael Nash.

"Their performance was great. I called my mom and put her on speaker phone; she couldn't believe that I was at a Rose Royce concert," Holmes said.

The band has won many awards for their contributions to music and are still touring and performing. Many of their songs can be heard on movie soundtracks and are sampled by major artists of today such as Snoop Dogg, Beyonce, Trey Songs and Jahiem.

Author Madeleine L'Engle dead at 88

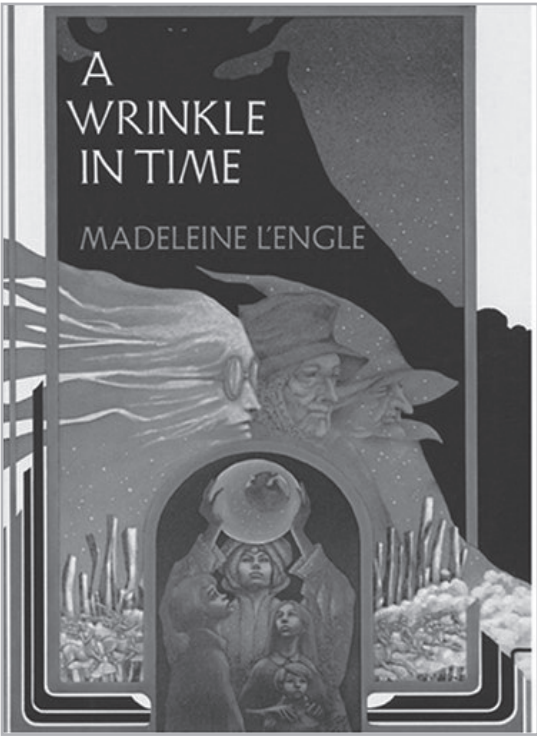
Rachel Moore
Asst. A&E Editor

In seventh grade, I came across a book titled *A Wrinkle in Time*. I had seen a friend read it before, and had decided to finally pick it up and read it for myself. Little did I know that this book would start a chain reaction that would lead to many weekends scouring bookstores with my mother to find every other book by author Madeleine L'Engle. To this day, if I ever come across *A Ring of Endless Light* or *A Swiftly Tilting Planet* at a used bookstore I always pick it up.

The legacy of those books that chronicle the lives of the cosmic-traveling Murry children came to an end last Thursday when L'Engle died at a nursing home in Connecticut. Long touted as a children's author –though she said time and time again that she just wrote with no intended audience in mind – L'Engle's books were well-liked by young and old alike. In fact, when I told my mother about the sad news, she remarked on how she had just finished reading *A Ring of Endless Light* – which had always been my personal favorite – just the other day.

Perhaps I can never say what drew me to pick these up. I was just getting out of my sci-fi period and was delving deeper into fantasy. After reading Anne McCaffrey's *Dragonriders of Pern* series, I had nothing else to look forward to. So when I caught my friend reading *A Wrinkle in Time*, I thought I finally had found something to replace it. And I am so thankful I did. It turned out to be a love affair that would last through the years.

L'Engle won many awards for her books,



including a Newberry Medal, a Newberry Honor and an American Book Award. In 2004, President Bush presented her with a National Humanities Award.

Though *A Wrinkle in Time* is perhaps her most famous book, L'Engle wrote more than 60 pieces of work all together, including poetry, though most of her works were labeled as fantasies.

Though the author has died, I sincerely hope that her legacy never will. One day, I plan on spending some quality time with my own children and grandchildren reading those never-boring tales that had so engrossed me as both child and adult.



BDx Coffee to exhibit student artwork

Amanda Carr
Staff Writer

BDx Coffee, located across from Wendy's on University Street, is now encouraging all local artists, including UTM students, to showcase their work within the coffee-house.

The number of pieces displayed will depend on the room available, the works will show for 2-3 weeks and all works will be screened for offensive content. Works may be displayed whether or not they are for sale.

"I want to encourage these students to show off their talents to the rest of the community, as well as to aid in bringing cultural diversity to the people of Martin," said BDx owner Erik Markin.

Any artist wishing to exhibit their work needs to contact the shop about securing a spot. Markin can be reached at 588-2900.

BDx opened in March of 2007 and has since been establishing a relationship with the university and its students.

Markin wishes for BDx to be a cultural platform for the community by encouraging all artistic activities, groups and organizations.

Local musicians, poets, theatrical societies and the like are encouraged to schedule sessions and readings on the house's events calendar.

Also, any group or organization is welcome to hold meetings within the facility without prior notice.

Having the showcased art is a representation of the overall atmosphere of BDx, which is Baroque in nature and intent. The murals adorning the walls were painted by artist Larry Vanover and help to solidify this purpose.

Currently on display are works by a UTM Japanese student, Yohei Miyashita.



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The entertainment featured at this year's Soybean Festival included numerous carnival rides, along with several free concerts by musical performers representing genres spanning from R&B to country.

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From the Geek Corner

Tech department invests in students

While students were out for summer, campus Information Technology Services was upgrading most of the computers for faculty and student computer labs. I was surprised when I walked into my department's computer lab this fall to see brand new technology.

Computers running Windows XP were "upgraded" – or maybe the best word is "replaced" – to the new Windows Vista from Microsoft Corp. Many Apple Inc. computers were also upgraded and are running the newest release of the Mac operating system. Students also now have more up-to-date software at their fingertips, including Microsoft's Office 2007 suite.

It's about time we upgrade our technology. For far too long students have been working on outdated machines using almost antiquated software. UTM has taken some big, costly steps to bring the university up to date, and I applaud them for realizing expense in technology is an investment in students.



Jon-Michael St. Amant
Staff Writer

ment in students.

With the upgrades come a learning curve; students should take the initiative to learn new programs, despite grumbles that Office and Microsoft's new Vista operating system are cantankerous, to say the least.

I understand: they don't have the world's resources to spend on computers, but ever step forward is a positive advancement.

Technology expands and grows every day, and it's impossible for the university to stay current with upgrades. I understand they don't have all the world's resources to spend

on computers, but every step forward is a positive advancement.

This week we'll give you ways to expand on the new, improved groundwork set up by UTM's techies. They've laid a good foundation through upgrades, and now we'll give you some good programs to make the most of university technology.



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Jay Baker
Managing/News Editor

Despite its massive increase in users lately, Facebook has seen many complaints over its inclusion of "applications" and the ability to create networks opening up the site to non-college students. College.com aims to be an answer to those complaints and more.

College.com functions as a basic social networking site, but with features geared specifically towards college students.

Your profile page gets a whiteboard (the equivalent of Facebook's wall), photos, videos and a compatibility test which gauges how compatible you might be with someone based on how you respond to a survey. Users get a blog that somewhat resembles MySpace's blog.

College.com comes with a news section that allows you to comment on content from several news sources. The news section also features a rudimentary RSS reader.

Like other social networks, College.com lets you create and join groups of any kind. What's different is that the Greek section is separate from the other

groups, which isn't much of a feature except that it makes it easier for Greeks to manage whatever they use their space on College.com for. It also makes it easier for potential members to join as it has an integrated rush form which can be submitted to fraternities or sororities of your choosing.

What sets College.com apart from other social networks is its academic features. It comes with a course schedule and calendar that integrates with the campus events calendar. You also get the ability to create on-line flash cards. College.com even has a professor section with ratings submitted by students. It allows you to collaborate with other students through class notes and forums too.

College.com is still beta, so you should expect new features in the future and bugs to be worked out as well. At this point, you probably shouldn't jump ship from Facebook or MySpace as most of your friends won't have a membership yet, but College.com is worth a look. There are several UTM students who already have.



Get in touch with your music with new iPods

Jon-Michael St. Amant
Staff Writer

Music-loving students should start making their Christmas shopping lists early this year.

Why? Newer, sleeker, bigger and maybe better iPods.

Apple Inc. CEO Steve Jobs announced last week it will be rolling out four new versions of its immensely popular personal music player soon, including one model that uses touch-screen technology similar to the Cupertino, Calif.-based company's iPhone.

The iPod Touch will feature a 3½-inch screen and built-in Wi-Fi, which provides the ability to access the Internet on mobile devices. The Touch also has built-in links to the popular video Web site Youtube. The Touch, which ships later this month, will be

available in 8 gigabyte and 16 gigabyte models. The larger model can hold up to 3,500 songs.

generation of the smaller, more affordable iPod Nano.

the 8 GB at \$200.

The larger, "classic" iPods boosted their capacities to 80 GB (\$250) and a whopping 160 GB (\$360), which can store up to 40,000 songs. They're already available online and at Apple retail stores.

Finally, the smallest of Apple's music players, the iPod Shuffle, received a bit of attention as well. The Shuffle will be available in a stylish array of new colors including

maroon, silver, purple, dark green and light green. A special Product (RED) color will also be made available. (RED) products give some of the proceeds from their sale to fighting AIDS in Africa.

The Shuffle is in one version for \$79 and stores up to 1GB.

On the Net:
<http://apple.com>



Image courtesy of Apple, Inc.

They'll price at \$299 and \$399, respectively.

The new touch-screen iPods also have a built-in utility for students to access Facebook.

The Touch's version of the iTunes music store will let customers preview and buy music from anywhere with a wireless Internet connection.

Jobs also unveiled a new

The third generation Nano gets a smaller profile but larger, brighter screen that makes its new cleaner user interface more efficient. The new interface will include Cover Flow, which allows users to scroll through album artwork to find the album they want.

The Nano will get a price reduction, with the 4 GB version costing \$150 and

Listen, think and discover with Firefox Campus Edition

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Staff Writer

Makers of the increasingly popular Web browser Firefox are trying to boost their market share by catering to tech-savvy college students.

Microsoft Corp.'s Internet Explorer is still the most-used browser, but Mozilla Foundation's Firefox browser has grown its user share to 35 percent as of July, up by 10 percent over July 2006, according to the international nonprofit that tracks Internet trends.

Firefox's student-centered browser was released earlier this year. The browser itself isn't any different, but the Campus Edition is bundled with three add-ons that run while users are browsing the Web. They

are controlled within the browser.



Add-ons include Foxytunes, which gives students the ability to control iTunes, look up lyrics and album covers and check out bios all from a small window that rests

at the bottom of your browser.

StumbleUpon, an add-on that allows users to channel surf cool sites on the Web, is also included in the college edition. StumbleUpon relies on

its community of users to give a "thumbs up" or "thumbs down" to various Web pages in order to allow other users to flip through those same sites. This add-on allows you to participate in this community with the touch of a button.

The final add-on incorporated in campus edition is Zotero, which according to their Web site, aids in the collection, management and citation of research notes. For most college students who abandon their IM windows long enough to write a research paper, this little add-on can be quite handy.

Firefox is the first browser to offer a suite for college students and is free.

On the Net:
<http://mozilla.org>

TorrentSpy takes middle road in piracy dispute

Charlie McIntosh
Technology Editor

The popular pirated content search engine TorrentSpy shut out all U.S. users last week in a move that upset college students but avoids a court order.

One in three college students downloads music and movies via peer-to-peer file sharing and torrent files.

The Web site with more than 1 million users shut down service to users with U.S.-based Internet addresses to avoid compliance with a court order that would have required the site to log information about its users.

The users log would have given intellectual property organizations like the Motion Picture Association of America ammunition to sue individual users.

A federal judge in May ordered TorrentSpy to

monitor its users' activities and submit the logs to the motion picture association.

A "torrent" is a file implemented by a program, such as BitTorrent, where several bits of data are streamed from various different sources over the Internet to your computer. When the streaming download is completed all of the data is put together and downloaded to users' hard drives. These separate bits of data, when put together, can create whole albums, television shows or movies that are on your hard drive and can be viewed on your computer, often without proper rights.

The Web site has gained notoriety with students for its ease of use and loyalty to users within Internet piracy circles.

Internet piracy has become an issue on college campuses nationwide. Many universities have cracked down on Internet piracy by threatening to remove Web privileges from any student who downloads music or movies through the campus network. Universities have also complied with the Recording Industry Association of America to provide logs of illegal downloaders for lawsuits.

A University of Richmond

study found one in three college students download music and movies via peer-to-peer file-sharing and torrent files.

Dylan McDaniel, a freshman finance major, isn't afraid to admit his stance against Internet piracy in the United States.

"Theself-deceiving notion of one who thinks they can get away with such an act is a disgrace to the nation because it robs hard-working musicians and filmmakers of the profits they deserve," he said. "It's a complete contradiction of the philosophy behind the American dream."

McDaniel is a part of a minority of college students who feel strongly about the ethical and moral questions

raised by Internet piracy.

UT Martin students who download music illegally and therefore would not give their names said there are other ways to find music online and said TorrentSpy's shutdown is only an "annoyance."

This is not the first time that the MPAA has sought legal action against TorrentSpy. In May 2005 the website was forced to remove all links towards torrent files of Star Wars: Episode III after a stolen workprint of the film was leaked to the Internet. In February of 2006 the website, along with other search sites such as isoHunt, was targeted by the MPAA for abusing technology to facilitate copyrighted works.



Football falls to Missouri State in home opener

Penalties, special teams main areas of concern

John Summers
Sports Editor

One of the most well-known phrases in sports is, "Defense is the name of the game." Apparently, neither UTM nor Missouri State's (MSU) defense could stop the opposing team's offense on Thursday night which ultimately led to UTM falling to the Bears 51-44.

Missouri State won the coin toss and elected to receive the opening kickoff. They didn't waste any time going to work on the UTM defense.

Quarterback Matt Krapfl capped off a six-play opening drive with a six-yard touchdown run. The Bears were quickly off to a 7-0 lead.

After UTM was forced to punt in their opening drive, the Bears were hungry for another score. On the first play of the drive, Krapfl connected on a medium-length pass with receiver Tamarkus McElvane. McElvane ran down the sideline and was tackled just as he was about to scamper into the end zone. The field judge hesitated but then ruled that McElvane reached the football past the goal line for a touchdown before his knee was down (which would mean the play is dead and the football is spotted where it was located when the player's knee touched the ground). However, it appeared that McElvane was at least a half-yard short of the end zone. The Bears still would have had four plays to drive the ball into the end zone, but they could have fumbled.

UTM's next drive was a successful one. Quarterback Dexter Anoka faked a handoff to running back Don Chapman and instead handed off to specialist Jessie Burton on a reverse. The Skyhawks marched to the MSU four-yard line but unsuccessfully tried to pass on 3rd-and-goal instead of handing off to the machine known as Don Chapman. Kicker Tom Hansen capped off the 12-play drive with a field goal to cut the MSU lead to 14-3.

Poor special teams defense by UTM on a squibby kickoff gave the Bears good field position on their next drive. They marched down the field and connected on a 23-yard field goal to take a 17-3 lead.

UTM had another nice drive that carried over into the second quarter. Don Chapman made an amazing 28-yard run down the sideline, leaping over an



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MSU defender's attempted tackle in the process. He later scored on a two-yard run to make the score 17-10.

Missouri State scored again on their next drive. Quarterback Cody Kirby capped off a seven-play drive with a nice 11-yard touchdown run to give the Bears a 24-10 lead.

Burton made some nice moves on the next kickoff to give UTM good field position. However, Anoka fumbled the ball on 3rd-and-goal from the MSU one yard line; luckily, he recovered his own fumble. The Skyhawks decided to try for a touchdown instead of

a field goal, but Anoka was not able to connect on a play-action pass with E.J. Daniel and UTM turned the ball over on downs. After the game, coach Simpson stated, "Offensively we can do better than that. We got stopped on the one yard line. We should've punched that ball in."

Missouri State went three-and-out on their next drive and was forced to punt.

Anoka made a good run on UTM's next possession, but a dropped pass forced the Skyhawks to try a 29-yard field goal. Hansen's kick was successful, and MSU led 24-13 going into halftime.

UTM received the opening kickoff of the second half and quickly marched down the field. Marcus Dawson capped off the seven-play drive with a one-yard touchdown run. Coach Simpson decided not to try for a two-point conversion (which would have cut the MSU lead to a field goal if successful) and Hansen connected with the extra point to trim the MSU lead to 24-20.

Missouri State quickly answered with a field goal to take a 27-20 lead.

After UTM went three-and-out on their next possession, Missouri State drove deep into Skyhawk

territory again. Eric Davis caught a 20-yard touchdown pass from Krapfl, his second passing touchdown of the game. The Bears led 34-20 at this point.



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On UTM's next possession, Anoka connected with Chapman for what appeared to be a 67-yard touchdown pass. However, the play was called back due to offensive holding. The Skyhawks could not manage to get a first down after this setback and were forced to punt.

UTM's defense needed a big stop, as the team was already down by two scores late in the third quarter. The defense did stop the Bears' drive at the UTM 40-yard line and forced them into a 4th-and-4 punting situation. Instead of punting, Missouri State coach Terry Allen pulled out the trick book for a fake punt, and the punter ran for six yards and a first down.

Missouri State's drive continued into the fourth quarter. Kicker Nathan Stokes nailed a 44-yard field goal that actually had enough distance to go 50-55 yards to give the Bears a

37-20 lead.

Many teams that are down by three scores in the final quarter are ready to throw in the towel, but the Skyhawks are not one of those teams. Don Chapman capped off a four-play drive with a five-yard touchdown run, his second of the game. Hansen missed the extra point attempt, and the Skyhawks trailed 37-26 with 12:30 left in the game.

Missouri State could have tried to run the clock out at this point, but they knew that the Skyhawk offense was too potent to be denied. The Bears came out throwing. However, after a pass was deflected at the line of scrimmage and almost picked off by the Skyhawks, the Bears elected to run the ball. Gerald Davis ran the ball into the end zone from five yards out to give the Bears a 44-26 lead with 9:59 left.

After Jessie Burton fumbled on the kickoff return, it seemed as if the game was definitely over, but the Skyhawk defense held and

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Cross country opens at Belmont, finishes eleventh

UTM Athletic
Communications

The University of Tennessee at Martin cross country teams opened their season this past weekend in the Belmont-Vanderbilt Opener in Nashville.

Both the men's and women's teams finished 11th in their respective meets.

In the women's 4K, junior Shannon Wall led the

Skyhawks with a time of 16:34.41.

Allen Thurman recorded a personal best of 16:53.12 in the men's 5K to lead the Skyhawks.

Walk-on sophomore Lori Taylor also recorded a personal best with a time of 17:38.82. Taylor marked her debut as a Skyhawk in this meet.

"Half the team started their season fairly well,

especially personal bests by (Lori) Taylor and (Allen) Thurman," said Gordon Sanders, the Skyhawks' head coach. "The rest will be getting in shape."

The Skyhawks will return to competition Sept. 15 when they travel to Bowling Green, Ky. for the Old Timer's Classic hosted by Western Kentucky University.

Player returns as assistant softball coach

UTM Athletic
Communications

University of Tennessee at Martin head softball coach Donley Canary has added one of his former players, catcher Sarah Daws, to his coaching staff.

Daws comes back to Tennessee-Martin from Mill Creek High School where she was a special education teacher along with serving as an assistant coach with the varsity softball program and head coach of the junior varsity program.

"Sarah brings a wealth of experience in catching

and pitching to our team," Canary said.

She graduated from Tennessee-Martin in 2005 with a degree in education. During her time at Tennessee-Martin, Daws was a four-year starter at catcher.

During her time as a Skyhawk, Daws earned the team defensive award in 2001 and the golden glove award in 2003. She also was named All-Ohio Valley Conference Honorable Mention in 2002 and to the All-Ohio Valley Conference second team in 2003.

"When Sarah was a player here at Tennessee-Martin it was like having another

coach on the field," Canary said.

"She is a student of the game, and will do an excellent job in coaching our pitchers and catchers." Daws is the daughter of Barbara Daws and has one older brother, Geordy. She attended Brentwood High School where she was a two-sport athlete in softball and volleyball. On the diamond, Daws collected all-district accolades in 1998, 1999 and 2000. She was named to the all-district tournament team in 1999 and 2000 along with being named to the all-region team in 2000.

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MSU was forced to punt. Anoka quickly led UTM down the field, and Dawson scampered into the end zone from a yard out. UTM was successful on the two-point conversion and the MSU lead was cut to 44-34 with 5:26 left in the game. UTM's on-side kick attempt was recovered by MSU. They ran the ball five times, and Kirby scored on a six-yard run to give the Bears a 51-34 lead with only 2:58 left. The Skyhawks were still not ready to consent defeat. Quarterback Greg Preston came into the game and drove the team down the field. He hooked up with Roren Thomas for a five-

yard touchdown pass to cut the MSU lead to 51-41 with 1:44 left. The Skyhawks recovered their on-side kick attempt this time. Anoka re-entered the game and drove the offense to the MSU 15-yard line. Hansen kicked a field goal to cut the MSU lead to one score, 51-44 with 55 seconds left. UTM needed to recover another on-side kick but was unsuccessful this time. Missouri State ran the clock out and won the game 51-44. Even though UTM suffered their second loss of the season with no wins, they did come away with at least one positive aspect. They never gave up even though they trailed by a considerable amount late in the game.

Volleyball claims second at Central Arkansas

UTM Athletic Communications

A quick glance at the stat sheets and you might think the University of Tennessee at Martin volleyball team won the Central Arkansas tournament this past weekend at the Prince Center in Conway, Ark. A closer look reveals it was the Central Arkansas Sugar Bears who took the tournament title, maintaining their perfect 11-0 record, with a 3-1 victory over the Skyhawks Saturday night. Central Arkansas defeated UT Martin 29-31, 30-27, 30-28 and 30-23 to win the five-team tournament that also included Mississippi Valley State, Arkansas State and Centenary.

A crowd of 353 fans, the fourth largest in Prince Center history, saw the Sugar Bears struggle against the Skyhawks to start the nightcap. UT Martin took the first game on the strength of 21 kills and five blocks. Central Arkansas survived a six-block performance by UT Martin in game two by holding a 17-13 advantage in kills. In the tournament, the

Skyhawks held an advantage in every statistical category except service aces, where Central Arkansas led 10-3. UT Martin hit .253 compared to .192 for the Sugar Bears. Lauren Montague led the Skyhawks with 17 kills and 17 digs. Anna Gautreau had 29 digs and senior Kathryn Sprague recorded 14 kills and eight blocks. The Skyhawks opened the tournament Friday with a 3-0 victory over Mississippi Valley State and a 3-0 win over Arkansas State. The Skyhawks won their third consecutive match in the tournament Saturday when they beat Centenary 3-1. The win set up the showdown with Central Arkansas for the tournament title. Both teams advanced to the finale with 3-0 worksheets. The Skyhawks, 6-4 on the year after three consecutive tournaments, will open Ohio Valley Conference action Friday night, Sept. 14 when they host defending league champion Jacksonville State. The first serve is set for 7 p.m. in Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

Don Chapman finished the game with two touchdowns and 111 yards on 23 carries. He is now just 10 yards short of breaking the school's all-time rushing record. Dexter Anoka also showed improvement, completing 19-of-29 passes for 274 yards. Penalties (11 for 126 yards), special teams, and defense were the main downfalls of UTM. After the game, Simpson said, "We'll get (the defense) corrected." The Skyhawks are on the road this weekend. They will play a team that is also looking for their first win of the season, Central Arkansas (0-2). Hopefully, the Skyhawks will obtain their first victory of the season.

Slayton finishes second in tourney

UTM Athletic Communications

John Slayton fired a 1-under-par 71 in the final round of the Wasioto Winds Fall Kick-Off, but was unable to hold off Trey Bowling of Eastern Kentucky who carded a 4-under-par 68 to claim medalist honors. Slayton and the Skyhawks finished fourth with a tournament total of 3-over-par 867. The Wasioto Winds Fall Kick-Off was a 54-hole tournament conducted by Morehead State University on Wasioto Winds Golf Course in Pineville, Ky. The

par-72 course is one of the signature courses in the Kentucky State Park System. The 64-player field included teams from 10 universities and 14 participants competing as individuals. Slayton recorded his third consecutive round in red numbers to finish with a total of 66-70-71- 207. Joining him was Phillip Hendrickson of Eastern Kentucky who fired a final round 8-under-par 64. Rounding out the top five were Cody Hale of Lipscomb and Nick Newcomb of Murray State in a tie for fourth place with tournament totals of 7-under-par 209. For the Skyhawks Robert

Lents carded a tournament total of 71-75-74-220 to finish in a tie for 19th. Finishing in a tie for 21st was Cole Floyd who was making his UTM debut. Floyd recorded rounds of 78-74-69-221. Rounding out the team scoring for the Skyhawks in a tie for 25th was Sam Hinson with a 77-70-75-222 and Bradley Stevens with a 78-76-72-226. Jake Joyner finished with rounds of 80-70-77-227. The Skyhawks will next travel to the National Collegiate Invitational, hosted by Jackson State University at Tunica National Golf Course in Tunica, Miss.

Skyhawk soccer falls to Rainbow Whahine

UTM Athletic Communications

The UT Martin soccer team made its live television debut Sunday evening at the Outrigger Hotels and Resorts Soccer Classic in Honolulu. The Skyhawks faced the University of Hawaii Rainbow Whahine of the Western Athletic Conference for the contest. The Rainbow Whahine scored a pair of early goals to set the tone for the night, ultimately beating the Skyhawks 3-0 and dropping UT Martin's overall record to 1-2-0. The Rainbow Whahine improved to 3-0-1 on the season and claimed the Outrigger Hotels and Resorts Soccer Classic championship. Hawaii struck first in the eighth minute when Kristen Oshiro sent in a cross from the right side that Taryn Fukuroku headed into the back of the net. The Rainbow Whahine added a second goal in the 33rd minute. This time Fukuroku was on the dis-

tributing end of a score, finding Alexis Choi who netted the goal to give Hawaii a 2-0 lead. Hawaii would hold the 2-0 led until the 62nd minute when Caitlin Smith was called for a foul in the box on an attempted tackle. The foul resulted in a penalty kick for the home Rainbow Whahine. Tehane Higa netted the PK to the right side of the goal, just past the diving Johanna Rathbun who was keeping goal for the Skyhawks. The Skyhawks' best opportunity to light up the scoreboard came in the 70th minute when a corner kick by Jody Kiers bounced around in the box before Jamie Furstenburg fired a shot that caromed off the crossbar. Jenni Duffy also curved in a shot from 30 yards out, along with a corner kick of her own that challenged Hawaii goalkeeper Nicole McClure, forcing her to make a pair of saves. After being out-shot in the first half 12-0, the Skyhawks responded in

the second half with a more aggressive offensive output. The Skyhawks launched five shots in the second half, while Hawaii was limited to just six. The second half also saw the debut of Rathbun in goal for the Skyhawks. Cara Sullivan started the contest for UT Martin, but after giving up two first half goals, Rathbun was given the nod. Rathbun recorded three saves and gave up only the penalty kick during her time in goal. "Overall we have grown a great deal as a team during this tournament," said Skyhawk head coach Craig Roberts. "Especially in the second half, playing in front of a crowd like this, on television and against a mature Hawaii team, we have made a great deal of improvements that will help us as we move into conference play." Skyhawks' Katie Behrens and Jamie Furstenburg were both named to the Outrigger Hotels and Resorts Soccer Classic

all-tournament team. The team was voted on by the participating coaches and representatives of the media. Tehane Higa of Hawaii claimed most valuable player honors for the tournament. UT Martin is now ready to return to the friendly confines of Skyhawk Field, looking to defend their title at the PUMA Skyhawk Invitational this weekend. The Skyhawks welcome to town Bacone College, Christian Brothers University and Murray State for two matches apiece. Murray State will take on Christian Brothers to open the invitational on Friday Sept. 14. The Skyhawks make their home debut against Bacone Friday at 4 p.m. Bacone and Murray State will meet on Sunday just before UT Martin concludes the invitational against Christian Brothers at 3 p.m. Admission for all matches is free and the action can be followed at www.utmsports.com.

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